IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 97,078-P)

PATENT

In application of:		)	
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	Gocke *et al.*	)	**Before the Examiner:**
		)	**S. Chunduru**
Serial No.	**10/680,060**	)	
		)	**Group Art Unit: 1637**
Filed:	**October 7, 2003**	)	
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For:	**Detection of Extracellular Tumor-**	)	
	Associated Nucleic Acid in Blood	)	
	Plasma or Serum using Nucleic Acid	)	
	Amplification Assay	)	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed May 1, 2007. Their response will this be due on September 1, 2007.

By the signature of the undersigned, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee.

If Examiner Chunduru believes it to be helpful, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,
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